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SUBJECT: SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS ON ME DEVELOPMENTS

SUMMARY: SOVIET PRESS PRAISES SOVIET-US JOINT STATEMENT,
IS AMBIVALENT ABOUT PRESIDENT'S ME STANCE, AND CRITICIZES
"WORKING DOCUMENT". END SUMMARY

1. SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS CONTINUES TO DEVOTE ATTENTION
TO M.E. DEVELOPMENTS WITH EMPHASIS ON U.S. POLICY AND
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SOVIET-U.S. JOINT STATEMENT. PRESIDENT'S NEWS CONFERENCE
IS REPORTED IN OCTOBER 17 PRAVDA. PRESIDENT'S "OPTIMISTIC
MOOD" IN CONNECTION WITH JOINT STATEMENT IS NOTED AS IS
HIS REMARK ON NECESSITY OF TALKING TO RUSSIANS
AS CO-CHAIRMEN OF GENEVA CONFERENCE. TASS ACCOUNT
GOES ON, HOWEVER, TO STATE THAT U.S., "AS BEFORE",
MAKES M.E. SOLUTION DEPENDENT ON SATISFACTION

OF CLAIMS OF ISRAELI GOVERNMENT. TASS NOTES
PRESIDENT'S COMMENT ON PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION
IN TALKS ON FUTURE STATUS OF WEST BANK AND GAZA,
BUT ALSO STATES THAT HE "AVOIDED BY SILENCE MOST
IMPORTANT QUESTION", I.E., GENEVA PARTICIPATION
OF PLO "WHICH IS SOLE, LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE
OF ARAB PEOPLE OF PALESTINE." TASS CITES PRESIDENT'S ALLEGED
STATEMENT ON LACK OF U.S. SUPPORT FOR CREATION OF INDEPENDENT
PALESTINIAN STATE ON WEST BANK OR OTHER SPOT ON
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES.

2. OCTOBER 16 IZVESTIYA HAS UN WRAPUP BY A. GRIGOR'YANTS
AND V. KOBYSH WHICH DESCRIBES A) FAVORABLE REACTION TO
JOINT STATEMENT OF "OVERWHELMING MAJORITY" OF PARTICIPANTS
IN UNGA SESSION AND B) "NERVOUS REACTION" OF
ISRAEL. "INTERNATIONAL WEEK" COLUMN IN OCTOBER 16
PRAVDA BY M. DOMOGATSKIH ALSO NOTES "BROAD INTERNATIONAL
RESPONSE" TO JOINT STATEMENT ESPECIALLY IN
WESTERN EUROPE. DOMOGATSKIH THEN EMPHASIZES
"FIERCE CAMPAIGN" AGAINST JOINT STATEMENT BY
"AGRESSIVE CIRCLES" IN ISRAEL AND RELATED WAVE
OF ATTACKS AMONG ZIONISTS AND THEIR ACCOMPLICES
IN U.S. AMERICAN-ISRAELI "WORKING DOCUMENT" IS
TREATED SARCASTICALLY, BUT ONLY DIRECT ATTACK
ON IT IS LAID AT DOOR OF SYRIAN NEWSPAPER "AL-BAATH".

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3. LESS SUBTLE IS GROUP OF CRITICAL TASS ARTICLES
(ROME, BEIRUT, AND DAMASCUS) IN OCTOBER 15 IZVESTIYA,
ROME DATELINED ARTICLE DESCRIBES DAYAN'S HANDLING OF
WORKING DOCUMENT IN KNESSET. ARTICLE CLAIMS THAT
WORKING DOCUMENT "AVOIDS BY SILENCE MOST IMPORTANT
QUESTION", PARTICIPATION OF PLO IN GENEVA CONFERENCE.
ARTICLE NOTES WORKING DOCUMENT'S PROVISION FOR
DIVISION OF CONFERENCE INTO GEOGRAPHIC WORKING
GROUPS AND STATES THAT IT IS THIS CLEAR THAT
BASIC THOUGHT OF WORKING DOCUMENT IS TO INTRODUCE A
SPLIT IN ARAB RANKS AND EXCLUDE PLO FROM PEACE PROCESS.
TASS BEIRUT ARTICLE REPORTS GENERAL CRITICISM OF
ISRAELI POLICIES BY ARAFAT AND TASS DAMASCUS ARTICLE
NOTES "AL-BAATH" CRITICISM OF WORKING DOCUMENT.
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